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| Interview Summary | Application No. 10/539,805 | Applicant(s) TASHIRO ET AL. | |
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(1) KERI A. MOSS, Junior Examiner. (3) Kirsten Gruneberg, Ph.D, Attorney for Applicant.

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Date of Interview: 27 January 2009.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: Proposed New claims 4-15.

Identification of prior art discussed: Larson and Melvin.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Examiners Moss and Wallenhorst noted 112, 2nd paragraph issues with the new claims and requested some sort of formula to clarify how the biodegradation rate is determined. With respect to overcoming the prior art, Examiners Moss and Wallenhorst recommended amending the claims to either 1) having "consisting of" in the preamble or 2) adding a negative step that specifies not enriching the samples with C14.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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